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SUBJECT: MEDRECO DISPUTE WITH GOL

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1. PRESS HAS NOW CONFIRMED THAT GOL ACTION LIMITED TO REQUISITIONING TAPLINE CRUDE TO SUPPLY MEDRECO REFINERY. HOWEVER SECOND DECREE DOES IN FACT EXIST AUTHORIZING REFINERY TAKEOVER IF THIS PROVES NECESSARY.

2. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS HAVE TENDED TO BE MODERATE, BUT FALSE IMPRESSIONS SOMETIMES GIVEN THAT GOL MEASURES HAVE SOLVED MATTERS, WHEN IN FACT NOTHING REALLY HAS BEEN SOLVED IN SUBSTANCE.

3. FOR THEIR PART, US COMPANIES APPEAR QUITE RELIEVED IF NOT PLEASED THAT GOL STEPS WERE LIMITED. MAIN IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS DISAGREEMENT THAT STILL EXISTS BETWEEN MEDRECO AND ECONOMIC MINISTRY REGARDING SERVICE CHARGE FOR REFINING REQUISITIONED CRUDE (REFTEL, PARA 2). HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE SETTLED SHORTLY. MEANWHILE REFINERY CONTINUES TO OPERATE. BUFFIM

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